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The Honorable Edward C. Kelley  
Deputy Secretary of State  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: New Hampshire House Republican Committee

Dear Mr. Kelley:

By letter dated June 22, 1976, you inquired whether a proposed "New Hampshire House Republican Committee" complies with applicable State law. We understand that you have requested our counsel in this matter because of your concern about the appropriateness of accepting for filing under RSA 70:8 the statement of a committee so formed.

Having examined the stated purposes of this Committee in light of RSA Chapter 70, it is our opinion that there is no statutory impediment to the formation of such an organization. Nevertheless, it is clear that an organization of this type constitutes a "political committee" within the meaning of RSA 70:1. Therefore, the proposed Committee shall have to obtain the consent of any candidate it wishes to support pursuant to RSA 70:4, III, comply with the recording and filing requirements of RSA 70:8 and 9, designate a treasurer for the purposes delineated in RSA 70:13, conduct its advertising in accordance with the regulatory scheme of RSA 70:12 et seq., and in general observe all applicable provisions of RSA Chapter 70.

Yours sincerely,

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